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TO: District 53 Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, and Financial Secretaries

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RE: **District Deputy Report - January 2017**

Happy New Year fellow Knights! I pray that 2018 will be a great year for your councils.

1. New Year Resolutions

What a perfect time to reflect on 2018 goals for your council!

At your first council meeting of this new year, I suggest that attendees be asked to express what they'd like to see your council accomplish in 2018. Then - what changes should the council make to achieve these goals? We had, for example, a similar discussion at the December District meeting when it was suggested more than once that councils should ideally conduct more family activities.

Be sure to also address membership - does the council really wish to grow its membership? (I'm not actually sure if the answer is 'yes' for all councils.) If a council does wish to grow its membership, how should it be done? Should it adopt one or more of the many membership programs and techniques being offered by the State KC and Supreme (see items 2 and 3 below)? Or should it do it another way that makes more sense given the council's unique challenges?

In any case, please consider bringing this up – resolution setting or simply some “brainstorming” on how your council can better meet the goals of your members.

2. January Webinars

[“Building Mission through your Parish” Webinar – January 3rd, 9PM CDT.](#)

Join your brother knights from across the Order and attend the [Building Mission through your Parish Webinar](#). Building a strong strategic alliance with your pastor and pastoral staff will aid your council in charitable outreach and membership strength. Learn how to position your council as the “Go-to Charitable Outreach” organization” in your parish and community.

“Keeping Recruitment Personal” Wednesday, January 31st 9PM, CDT.

This is another good webinar that will stress the importance of the personal approach to recruiting. Keep an eye out for email(s) on this.

Register for these webinars by going to www.kofc.org/webinar . You can also access “Webinars on Demand” from this page if you are not able to view the programs in real time.

3. “Father Wants You” campaign

To kick off membership campaigning in this new year, the State Council is promoting the “Father Wants You” campaign to be conducted during the month of January. A description of the campaign can be found at <https://mnknights.org/father-wants-you/>.

As an added incentive, councils conducting the campaign will be entered into a drawing for \$200 for your charitable use. Also, for every new member brought into the Order through the campaign, the council will be entered into a drawing for \$400 for your charitable use.

4. Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728)

If you have not done so already, start soliciting numbers for your council’s *Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity* (#1728) which is due January 31st. Here’s a suggested survey instrument that you may consider using:

Activities for the twelve month period ending December 31, 2017			
		Number	Hours
1.	Number of times you visited or cared for the sick, i.e. visited nursing homes/hospitals.		
2.	Number of times you visited the bereaved. Include your attendance at funerals.		
3.	Number of times you gave blood		
4.	Number of times, i.e. days, you worked on a Habitat for Humanity Project		
5.	Hours volunteering on any church activities. (Include hours working the Council’s breakfast buffets.)		
6.	Hours volunteering for community projects		
7.	Hours volunteering for youth activities		
8.	Hours volunteering for pro-life activities		
9.	Hours volunteering for Habitat for Humanity		
10.	Hours volunteering for VA Voluntary Services (VAVS) i.e. include visits to veterans homes.		
11.	Hours volunteering for “food for families” services, i.e food selves, serving meals, etc.		
12.	Hours volunteering for Special Olympics. Include all activities that targeted individuals with special needs.		
13.	Hours volunteering for other miscellaneous activities.		
14.	Hours caring for sick or disabled Knights of Columbus members and their families - household chores, transportation, counseling, etc.		

Form #1728 can be found at <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/members/resources/forms> (Online or PDF). Submit the form online (the easiest method) or email the PDF version to fraternalmission@kofc.org. As with other reports, remember to copy State Secretary Penas at bobpenas@broadband-mn.com and myself at billjswing@frontiernet.net.

5. State and Supreme Awards – Report Deadlines

This is a reminder that the deadline for State award submissions (to be presented during the State Convention in May) is April 1st (Easter Sunday). The deadline for Supreme awards, i.e. Columbian and Star Council, is June 30th. A complete list of State and Supreme awards can be found in the 2018 January Knightly Newsletter (the last three pages) at <https://mnknights.org/resource/award-updates/>. Also go to <https://mnknights.org/forms-in-due-date-order/> to access to key award application forms.

The key to completing these reports is having good records. Be sure to record your council activities using the “Fraternal Leader Success Planner” or on your council activity calendar.

6. State Convention (May 18-20, Rochester MN)

Council tasks to be completed:

- Appoint two convention delegates and have your FS complete and email the “Delegate Credentials” form to statesecretary@mnknights.org.
- Have delegates register by going to <https://mnknights.org/event/minnesota-knights-columbus-state-convention/>. Although the registration deadline is May 1st, SD Penas has requested that delegates register ASAP to facilitate planning.
- Have delegates register for their hotel room – options are listed at this same url. The deadline to register for a “K of C State Convention room” is April 17th.

7. Free Throw Competition

By now, participating councils should have their flyers and notices distributed for their local competitions, i.e. schools, newspapers, etc. Here’s the updated schedule (let me know of any corrections):

Council	Date/Time of Free Throw Competition	Type	Type & Location of Competition	Point Person	Phone #
Medina	January 21 st 2018 1:00pm	Local	St Bartholomew School Gym, Wayzata	*TBD	
Wayzata	January 21 st 2018 1:00pm	Local	St Bartholomew School Gym, Wayzata	Chris Ritchie	763-475-3249
Golden Valley	January 7 th 11:30am (After the 10:30am Mass)	Local	Good Shepherd School Gym, Golden Valley	Mark Foresman	763-544-5602
Golden Valley	February 11 th 11:30am (After the 10:30am Mass)	District	Good Shepherd School Gym, Golden Valley	Mark Foresman	763-544-5602

* A new point person for Medina Council will be named soon to replace Dave Stumpf who was unable to serve.

I’ll be contacting point persons re: duty assignments for the district competition.

8. 1st Degree Schedule

Below is the updated 1st degree schedule (let me know of any corrections). I’ll be contacting each council a couple weeks before their scheduled date to determine whether or not their scheduled date is a “go”.

	Date	Time*	Host Council	Location
Date:	2/12/2018	6:45 PM	Wayzata 3758	KC Chambers, 10904 S Shore Dr, Plymouth
Date:	3/14/2018	6:45 PM	Medina 13096	Holy Name of Jesus, Medina
Date:	5/15/2018	6:15 PM	Loretto 9601	Loretto KC Chambers, SS. Peter & Paul, Loretto
Date:	6/12/2018	6:45 PM	Medina 13096	Holy Name of Jesus, Medina

9. Upcoming Major Degrees

DAY	DATE (2018)	LOCATION	1st Deg.	Start	2nd Deg.	Start	3rd Deg.	Host DD	Phone
Sat	1/13	St Pius X, Glencoe	Local	9:00 AM	Bob Nichols	10:00 AM	West Metro	Brian Anderson	612-206-5212
Sat	1/27	St Vincent's Brooklyn Park	Local	9:00 AM	Bob Nichols	10:30 AM	West Metro	Patrick Farrelly	763-218-3816
Sat	2/10	St Joseph's Lino Lakes	Local	9:30 AM	Bob Nichols	11:00 AM	West Metro	Terry Wagner	651-483-0814

10. Star Tracker (published 12/15/2017)

Father McGivney Award (Membership)

Council	Members 7/1	QUOTA	MTD GAIN	MTD LOSS	MTD NET	YTD GAIN	YTD LOSS	YTD NET	PERCENT
Wayzata 3758	155	9	3	0	3	3	0	3	33.33
Loretto 9601	72	5	0	0	0	0	2	-2	0.00
Long Lake 12293	63	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	-40.00
Medina 13096	139	10	0	0	0	1	0	1	10.00
Golden Valley 13506	71	5	0	0	0	0	1	-1	-20.00

Note: Medina's new member acquired in October had not yet been recorded and is not included.

Founder's Award (Insurance)

Council	Members	QUOTA	MTD GAIN	MTD LOSS	MTD NET	YTD GAIN	YTD LOSS	YTD NET	PERCENT
Wayzata 3758	155	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Loretto 9601	72	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Long Lake 12293	63	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Medina 13096	139	3	0	0	0	0	2	-2	-66.57
Golden Valley 13506	71	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
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Note: Wayzata's membership quota of 9 is correct – it is low due to the council's large number of inactive members.

All councils are up-to-date on submittal of their reports (185, 365 and 1295).

11. Upcoming District Deputy Visits

- Long Lake Council, Thursday January 4th, 7pm.
- Wayzata Council, Monday January 8th, 7:30pm.
- Medina Council, Tuesday January 9th, 7:30pm.